



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Sam Liccardo  
Councilmember Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember Kansen Chu

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 19, 2008

Approved

Date

5-19-08

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted:

Distribute \$55,000 to Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC) to manage the allocation of waivers for neighborhood events at City parks and facilities. These funds will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per Council and Mayor Office and only available to neighborhood associations registered with the NDC. These funds are for fiscal year 08-09 and the remaining balance would be returned to the General Fund.

## BACKGROUND

### City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Neighborhood Organizing and Meeting Space Subsidy

Amount of City Funding Required: \$55,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.):

Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Fund (\$27,500)

Agency Board Special Improvement Fund (\$27,500)

Anticipated Outcomes:

The City prides itself in its effort to build neighborhoods, develop community leadership and work collaboratively with residents to achieve the delivery of City Services. The NDC furthers these goals by providing neighborhood organizing and mobilization services to all San Jose communities.

A common obstacle to neighborhood development is the cost of park and other space rental for community organizing events, celebrations and neighborhood meetings. Many of these Neighborhood Associations do not collect membership fees and have limited means to raise funds. To assist and encourage these Neighborhood Associations host to events these funds would be available for Neighborhood events.

The objective of this recommendation is to help new and established neighborhood groups and leaders maintain or improve their desired neighborhood quality of life through subsidy of parks use and meeting space for neighborhood events.

The desired improvements in neighborhood livability will be evident as neighborhood groups deliver on their priorities, effective collaboration with City and community and the development of community leadership.

### **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Neighborhood Organizing and Meeting Space Subsidy

Amount of City Funding Change: One Time - \$55,000

Fund Type :

Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Fund (\$27,500)

Agency Board Special Improvement Fund (\$27,500)

Department or Organization: Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Department or Organization Contact

Name: Not applicable

Phone number: Not applicable

E-mail address: Not applicable

This change is:

☒ One-time

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- ☐ Community and Economic Development Services
- ☐ Environmental and Utility Services
- ☒ Neighborhood Services
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Transportation and Aviation Services
- ☐ Strategic Support